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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## INTRINSICALLY STABLE SHIRRED PLASTIC FOOD CASING

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on *August 23, 2004* as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number *PCT/EP2004/009395* and was amended on .....(if applicable).

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